

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
HONGKONG, 21st January, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed Extract from the Log-book of the Steam-ship *Formosa*, denoting the position of what appears to be a Rock situated in the Palawan Passage, but which is not laid down in the present Charts.

I regret to say that, on account of the unfavorableness of the weather, it was not considered prudent to lower a boat to examine the place, but as the broken water was distinctly observed both by the Captain and Chief Officer, as well as the look-out at the mast-head, I presume there can be little doubt but that it was caused, as they believed, by a Rock lying a few feet under water.—I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

MAXN. FISCHER,  
Superintendent.

The Honourable W. T. BRIDGES, Esquire,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

## Peninsular and Oriental Company's Steam-ship "FORMOSA," from BOMBAY towards HONGKONG.

HOURS.	COURSES.	KNOT.	FATHOMS.	WINDS.	REMARKS.
Monday, January 4th, 1858.					
1	N.E. ½ N.	7		E.N.E.	A.M. Light breeze, and cloudy.
2		6	4		2, Squally, with heavy rain.
3		7		E. by N.	
4		7			4, Light breeze, and cloudy; 4.15, Quite slow.
5		5	4		5.15, Full speed, and made all fore and aft sail.
6		6			6.50, Observed Broken Water bearing East 2 or 3 points; in all sail, stopped the Engines, and
7		7	4	East	a cast of the lead; no bottom at 100 fathoms.
8	N.N.E. ½ E.	3			7, Heavy rain, proceeded slow; 7.25, thick rainy weather; stopped the Engines.
9	Drifting West	2	4		9.28, Proceeded slow.
10	E.N.E.	2	4		10.30, Stopped and took a cast of the lead; no bottom at 120 fathoms.
11		3		E.N.E.	11, Clearing up; proceeded full speed. Made Mantabengam bearing N. E. by E. ½ E.
12	N.N.E. ½ E.	6			Noon, Light breeze, and fine.

  

	COURSES MADE.	DISTANCE.	LATITUDE.	LONGITUDE, By Cross Bearings.	VARIATIONS.	BEARING AND DISTANCE AT NOON.
Observation,.....	N. 52° E.	145'	8° 31' N.	116° 30' E.	7° Easterly	Royal Captain's Shoal N. 22° E. 33'
Account, .....	N. 56° E.	147'	8° 25' N.	116° 37' E.		

\* The Broken Water appeared about 10 yards in extent North and South, breaking heavily every 3 or 4 minutes, with a swell from N.E., apparently caused by a Rock, a few feet under water. Its Position worked back from Noon, would place it in 82° 21' North Latitude, and 116° 25' East Longitude.

JOHN M. ROGERS,  
Commander.

The Ship's Position at Noon, by Latitude observed and cross bearings, off the High Land of Palawan.

J. M. R.

## REGULATIONS

FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF LETTERS, &c.,  
To and from Hongkong.

From CANTON.—MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS,  
FRIDAYS, and SATURDAYS.  
From HONGKONG.—TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS,  
and SATURDAYS.

TIME of departure from both places,—7 A.M., which will be notified by a BLACK BALL being dropped from the Mast-head of the "Calcutta" at HONGKONG, and the Brig "Bittern" at the Landing-place, CANTON. The Boat conveying the Letters will hoist a BLACK BALL at her Mainmast head, and the BLUE PETER at the Fore. These Boats are never to be stopped by Ships as she passes them, the Ball at the Mast-head notifying that she has the Letters.

The 40-Horse-Power Boats appointed for the conveyance of Sick to and from the "Moorefort" and the Macao Fort Barrier, are to maintain the correspondence in those Branches.

## DESPATCHES AND LETTERS.

The Boats leaving each place at 7 A.M., should arrive in 12 hours at their destination, and by an early transmission of Letters, those on important matters could be answered by the Boat leaving on the following morning. This must be arrived at by an authorized Official (Non-commissioned Officer) waiting on board the "Calcutta" and "Bittern" to receive Letters for the Military Departments.

Letters unconnected with the Service will be sent from the "Calcutta" to the Post-office, at 6.30 A.M., and the same description of Letters received from Hongkong will be sent to the Guard-house at the Landing-place, Canton, where a Box will be fitted for their reception.

Boxes also will be placed at this Guard-house, and the Guard-house at the Dock-yard Hongkong, for the receipt of Letters; and at 6.30 A.M. on the mornings of departures, the Second-master of the Gunboat will clear these Boxes, taking the contents off in a Black painted Bag.

## PASSENGERS.

An Official requisition, signed by the proper Military Authorities, will be all that is requisite, without the delay of referring to the Senior Naval Officer,

who may be at a distance, or otherwise engaged; but a List of Passengers, and Number and description of Letter Bags brought, is to be given to the "Calcutta" and "Bittern" on arrival.

Persons not on duty are only to be carried with the permission of the Senior Naval Officer.

Previous arrangements are to be made, that all Passengers take on board with them sufficient cooked Provisions for the Passage, as the accommodation for cooking, &c., is very limited. This refers to Officers as well as others, who, by taking a Basket well provided, will place themselves at their ease, and prevent the Gunboat Officers being sometimes heavily taxed and out of pocket.

## SIGNALS.

A Ball at the Fore Top-mast heads of "Bittern" and "Calcutta," will be hoisted at daylight on the days on which the Boats leave, and dropped as a Signal for starting.

The Gunboat will hoist the BLUE PETER at the Fore at daylight, and a BLACK BALL at the Main; the latter she is to keep up during the Passage. Should an Extra Gunboat be leaving Canton at any time, the "Bittern" will hoist a BALL at each Mast-head.

Should an Extra Gunboat arrive from Hongkong, the "Bittern" will hoist a TRIANGULAR BLUE FLAG, keeping it up an hour, to enable persons stationed along the Wall to be aware of it.

M. SEYMOUR,  
Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

"Coromandel," at Canton,  
18th January, 1858.

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

THE Next GENERAL MAILS per Steamer "OTTAWA," will close on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 6 o'clock P.M.

A SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL will be made up on the following morning. LETTERS received from 9 to 11 and from 11 to Half-past 12 o'clock P.M., for late Fees of Sixpence and One Shilling. All Letters posted between 11 and Half-past 12 o'clock, require pre-payment.

WM. CHAPMAN,  
Post-Master.

Post Office, Hongkong,  
21st January, 1858.

Steam for  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES,  
& SOUTHAMPTON;

Also,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, & CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "OTTAWA," Captain GRIBBLE, with Her Majesty's Mail Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above Places, on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 2 P.M.

CARGO will be received on board until 5 P.M. on the 27th; SPECIE until Noon on the 28th, and PARCELS until 2 P.M. on the 28th.

For Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply at the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong.

CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.

A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shipper to the Company's Agents with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from incorrectness of such declaration.

MAXN. FISCHER,  
Superintendent.

Peninsular & Oriental  
Steam Navigation Company's Office,  
Hongkong, 19th January, 1858.

In re ALEXANDER MARTIN, deceased.  
" JOAO EVANGELISTA, "  
" SHEIK MUNHOP, "

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,—to the Next OF KIN, and all other Persons, to produce any WILLS or CODICILS of the above Parties that may be in their possession before the Supreme Court on SATURDAY, the 30th day of January, 1858; or, if none, that the Next of Kin do accept or refuse LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION; failing which, Administration will be granted to the Registrar of the said Court.

By the Court,  
NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON,  
Acting Registrar.

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**NOTICE.**  
THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS of the SUPREME COURT will be held on *FRIDAY*, the 23rd of January, A.D. 1858, at 12 o'clock at the Court, before **NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON, Acting Registrar.**

**THE COURT OF HONGKONG.**  
IN EXERCISE OF ITS JURISDICTION,  
In the Insolvency of one **ING-TYK**, a Chinese, Debtor in the Gaol of Victoria.  
**IT IS HEREBY GIVEN**,—that the **PROPERTY** and **EFFECTS** of the said Prisoner are placed in the Provisional Assignee by the Court, and that the Schedule of the said Prisoner has been filed in the said Court; and it is ordered that the said Prisoner be kept for examination at the Supreme Court on *FRIDAY*, the 5th day of February, 1858; and in case any Creditor intends to object to the discharge of the said Prisoner, he must do so in Writing of such his intention to the said Prisoner, *Three clear days* (exclusive of the day prior to the day of hearing) before the Court.  
**NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON, Acting Registrar.**

**COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS AT CALCUTTA.**  
In the matter of the "**ASIATIC MARINE INSURANCE OFFICE.**"

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**,—That by an order of this Court, bearing date the *Fifth day of January, 1858*, *One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty* of the **SHAREHOLDERS** of the said "**Marine Insurance Office**" are required to pay the sum of **COMPANY'S RUPERS TWO** respectively, on or before the following dates: *Monday*, the **SHAREHOLDERS** resident in **Calcutta** and the **Suburbs thereof**, on or before the *Fifteenth day next*; the **SHAREHOLDERS** resident in **Bombay**, on or before the *Fifteenth day next*; and the **SHAREHOLDERS** resident in **BRITAIN** and all other places not mentioned in the said order, on or before the *Fifteenth day next*; and that the Official Assignee will be adjudged to have committed an act of Insolvency, according to the provisions of the Indian Act.  
**DENMAN & HATCH, Attorneys for the Official Assignee.**

**NOTICE.**  
**WM. HY. GREEN**, and **Mr HENRY B. LEMANN**, are authorized to sign our Firm.  
**GILMAN & Co., of Canton.**  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1858.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Business hitherto carried on by the undersigned, will in future be conducted under the Style of **STEPHENSON & Co.**  
**JAS. STEPHENSON.**  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1858.

**MR M. C. DO ROZARIO**, is authorized to sign our Firm.  
**STEPHENSON & Co.**  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1858.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Business hitherto carried on at this Port in my own Name, as **Ship Chandler & General Store-keeper**, will, from the 1st day of January, 1858, be conducted under the Style of **BELLAMY & Co.**, for which **Mr JOHN BELLAMY, JUN.**, is authorized to sign per procreation.  
**JOHN BELLAMY.**  
Amoy, 31st December, 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
**WE** have this day closed our Business at this Port. The Accounts of the Firm will be wound up by **Mr F. W. LAWRENCE**, who will sign our Name in Liquidation.  
**DAVIS & LAWRENCE.**  
Hongkong, 31st December, 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
**MR FREDERICK WILLIAM LAWRENCE** is this day admitted a Partner in our House, which, pending the Stoppage of Trade at **Canton**, will be established at this Port.  
**JAMES PURDON & Co., of Canton.**  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1858.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Interest and Responsibility of **Mr JAMES SMITH** in our Firm, ceased by his death on the 2d of July.  
**SMITH & BRIMELOW.**  
Hongkong, 22d July, 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
**MR THOMAS DEAS BOYD** was admitted a Partner in our Firm, on 1st ultimo.  
**Mr FRANCIS DARBY SYME**, on same date, retired from our Firm.  
**F. D. SYME & Co.**  
Amoy, 26th August, 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
**WE** have established a Branch of our House, as **General Merchants & Commission Agents**, at **BANGKOK, SIAM**, from the 25th August last.  
**REMI, SCHMIDT & Co.**  
Shanghai, 1st October, 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Partnership heretofore subsisting between **WILLIAM GASKELL** and **JAMES BROWN**, as **Attorneys, Solicitors, Notaries Public, and Proctors**, at Hongkong, was dissolved, by the decease of the said **JAMES BROWN**, on the 28th day of April, 1857.  
**WILLIAM GASKELL.**  
Dated this 29th day of April 1857.

**NOTICE.**  
**MR ROBERT MUIRHEAD REDDIE**, is authorized to sign the name of our Firm in China.  
**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1857.

*In re* **JOSEPH FROST EDGER**, MERCHANT, deceased.  
**NOTICE**,—All Claims against the above Estate must be proved before the **OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATOR**, before the *Fifth day of July*, A.D. 1858, otherwise they will not be included in the Scheme of Division.  
All Persons indebted to the above Estate, are requested to make immediate Payment to  
**NORMAN RAMSAY MASSON, Acting Registrar—Official Administrator.**

*In the Estate of* **HUGH WELSH**, late of the Firm of **CUBBINS & WELSH**, of **Pagoda Anchorage Foochow**, deceased.

**NOTICE**,—All Persons having Claims on the said Estate, will please to send them in to the undersigned; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make payment to the undersigned as Administrator, on or before the 1st March, 1858.  
**FRED. HOWE HALE, H. B. M.'s Officiating Consul.**  
British Consulate, Foochow,  
9th November, 1857.

*In the Estate of the late* **HUGH CROSS GIBSON**, deceased.

**NOTICE**,—All Persons having Claims against the said Estate, will please to send them in for liquidation; and all Persons indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to  
**J. GIBSON.**  
*N.B.*—I have empowered **T. SUTHERLAND**, Esquire, to receive, in my absence, all Debts due to the above Estate.  
**J. GIBSON.**  
Hongkong, 26th November, 1857.

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